



Adult AIDS in New York City— Risk Categories

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More than 77,000 adult AIDS cases have been reported in New York City. Overall, 49% of these cases are directly attributed to injection drug use (IDU). In women, IDU has accounted for more than 60% of the cases diagnosed each year since the beginning of the epidemic, and an additional 20% are the sex partners of male injection drug users (Fig. 1). Among men, the most striking change

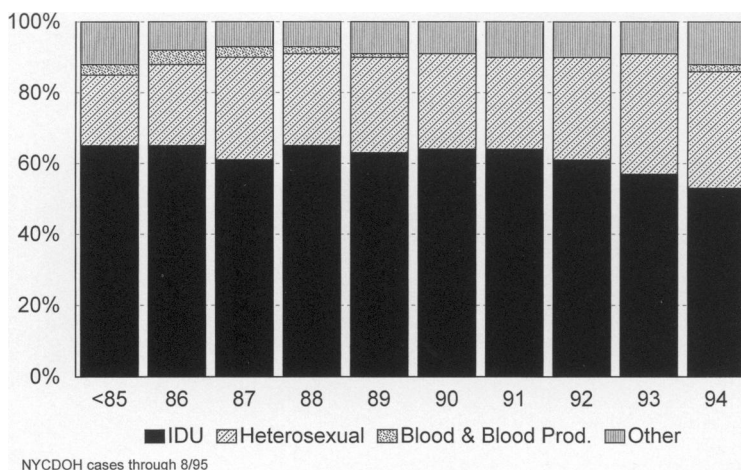


FIG. 1. Adult New York City AIDS cases (women); risk categories by year of diagnosis.

* Numbers not complete due to reporting delays.

in the AIDS epidemic occurred in 1990 when the proportion of cases in male injection drug users exceeded that of men who have sex with men (MSM) (Fig. 2). Currently, about half of newly diagnosed cases in men are IDUs and a third are MSM.

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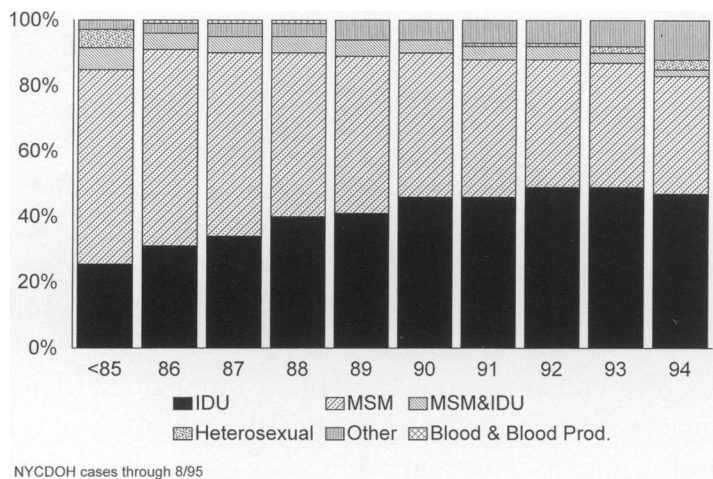


FIG. 2. Adult New York City AIDS cases (men); risk categories by year of diagnosis.
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Additionally, most pediatric AIDS cases are diagnosed in children whose mothers are injection drug users themselves or the sex partners of injection drug users.